Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Quality child care is a valuable support system for employed parents and also benefits the business community by helping to facilitate a strong workforce; and,

Whereas, The field of early child care requires people with special talents and priorities, and their contributions to a child's future are of great importance; and,

Whereas, Registered and licensed child care providers care for over 35,000 children in South Dakota and employ over 4,500 staff; and,

Whereas, Our future depends on the quality of early childhood experiences provided to young children, and on May 6, 2011, our state will join parents and organizations nationwide to recognize child care providers and thank them for their dedication and commitment to caring for children in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2011, as

CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in South Dakota, and I call on all citizens to join me in recognizing child care providers and their important role in South Dakota's future.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State